Robotics lab coming to college

By LETA CAMPBELL
and KATHY STEWART
Staff Writers

The robots are coming to Niagara College and by next September, robotics will be on the curriculum.

The school of technology received two large grants from the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD): $171,000 to Nick Ciolfi, coordinator of mechanical technology, to set up a new robot components laboratory; and $129,000 to John Clark, coordinator of engineering technology, to buy a microcomputer development system, video terminals and a printer to be connected with the main college computer.

Mr. Ciolfi explained that these are not the Star Wars type of robots, but the industrial kind that are being increasingly used and are becoming familiar in the peninsula.

The grant "gives us equipment that will allow us to expand on what we're already teaching."

At the moment, Niagara students can be taught only the theory of how robots operate; the new lab will enable them to take the components apart, put them back together and discover just how robots work.

Alan Munro, staff technologist, expressed appreciation for the grants. "If Niagara is to remain in the forefront of education in the peninsula, somehow in the near future our technology programs are going to have to become still more computer oriented," he said.

POPULARITY GROWS

Robots are becoming increasingly popular because they work in messy, dangerous environments humans should not be working in, Mr. Ciolfi said. They are also economically advantageous to industries and are reprogrammable for a variety of operations.

The robotic lab will contain a few simple robots—"pick and place robots" and three complicated microprocessors and one full-sized robot, Mr. Ciolfi said.

The simple robots are a good place for students to start learning, he said. Students will learn to program different cycles into the micro-processor in order to operate the full-sized robot.

"Graduates will not be specialists but they will know a little bit about the robots," Mr. Ciolfi said.

Mr. Munro said the robotic lab is part of a three to four-year plan for computer integrated manufacturing (CIM).

The mechanical department has already applied for a grant this year to go towards the second stage of the plan, a computer-controlled machine shop in which computers are used to control conventional machines like a lathe.

The next two stages involve the development of a computer-aided design and drafting lab, which will help students draw and analyse an object, and a combination of all three labs for total computerized manufacturing, Mr. Munro said. Machinery, stock and inventory will all be controlled by computers. this type of computer-controlled operation exists today.

Mr. Ciolfi said BILD grants are sponsored by the Ontario government in a program started by Premier William Davis to initiate high technology projects. All colleges submit proposals; if the proposal is accepted, the colleges must get final authorization from the government before purchasing the equipment.

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Payrolls cost $12,000

By DOREEN HOOVER
Staff Writer

Royal Bank will be processing all Niagara College payrolls at the cost of about $12,000 a year beginning January, 1983.

Royal Bank's Automated Payroll Service Department will be used to process every college payroll such as full-time faculty, support staff, part-time staff, continuing education instructors and Ontario Career Action Program (CCAP) trainees, Marlene Smith, payroll officer, said. There will be one monthly and three bi-weekly payrolls processed through the Royal Bank beginning January 1983.

Cost of processing payrolls outside the college will "probably be $900 to $1,000 per month," Gary R. LaRose, executive director of finance, said. Costs would be basically as much or more in-house as using a system outside the college.

OTHER USES

There are "limited resources in the college" and handling payroll outside the college will "make resources available for other uses in-house," Mr. LaRose said. The new computer would have to be programmed to handle payroll while the Royal Bank will be handling other payrolls along with Niagara College's, so costs could be less.

Niagara College began a new five-phase computer information system this year. Information is now being programmed into the system.

Computer centre "won't guarantee the conversion from the old machine to the new, so we had to use a new outside source," Mrs. Smith said. "Royal Bank met our needs the best."

Inside the News

Runaways

They run away to leave their problems behind, but most of the time all they find are more problems.

NC novelty

For its eighth consecutive year, Niagara College offers a supervisory management program, the only one of its kind in Ontario and perhaps in Canada.

Hi yaaa!

Niagara College student Tracy Booth has a black belt in karate. It took four years of hard work but she says it's the best thing that ever happened to her.

Niagara, Mohawk to work toward sharing resources

Niagara and Mohawk Colleges have formally declared to work together "to provide more opportunity for students," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Miss Robarts and Keith McIntyre, president of Mohawk College in Hamilton, signed an agreement Nov. 19 at Niagara College to formally acknowledge a joint commitment to work towards sharing human and physical resources whenever such sharing is mutually beneficial to both colleges and to populations of adjacent communities.

Talks about this agreement have been going on for over a year. Because boundaries of regions were changed over a year ago some college programs were also changed-some initiated, some taken out.

"Certain programs offered at Niagara are not offered at Mohawk and vice versa," Miss Robarts said. "Students unable to get diplomas in certain programs at one college, may be able to get them in the other."

Keith McIntyre, president of Mohawk College, and Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, met in the boardroom at Niagara College last week to sign an agreement committing the two colleges to sharing physical and human resources.

Courses like fashion arts which is a two-year diploma program at Niagara, but only a one-year certificate course at Mohawk, will enable Mohawk students to attend the second year at Niagara to receive their diplomas.

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Will Pac-Man fever get you?

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
Staff Writer

"I'm headed for the arcade...I don't have much money but I'm bringing everything I made...Pac-Man fever...it's driving me crazy...I'm going out of my mind."

The excerpt from this rock song describes one interest many people share. It's new, exciting, challenging and may be harmful. Video games have become one of many people's favorite pastimes but some say the games are harmful because they are addictive—especially to young people.

C. Everett Koop, United States Surgeon General, has said that video games may be hazardous to the health of young people.

There are people in the peninsula—and in the college—who agree video games are hazardous. Others disagree.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) operates three video games in the cafeteria. They bring in $300 to $400 a week.

Popularity of the games is increasing rapidly and they are even invading restaurants. One American restaurant chain, started by Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari Inc., distributes free tokens to patrons with their food so they can play the games in the restaurant. It has one

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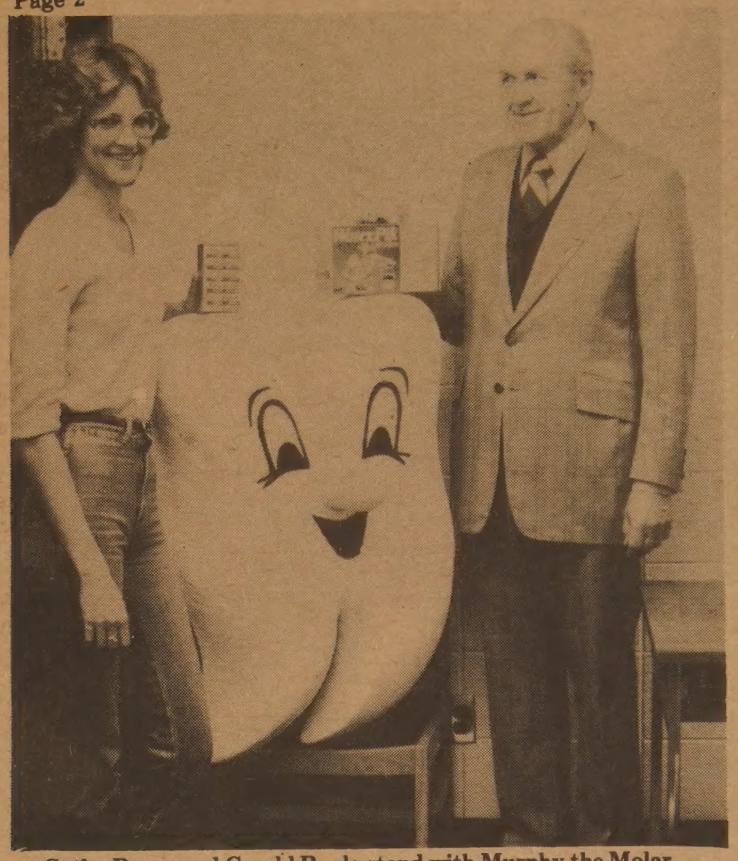
Danger!Danger: Surgeon General



Cathy Pauco and Gerald Boyle stand with Murphy the Molar proudly displaying their prizes won during Dental Health Week. Cathy was the lucky winner of the draw for 18 packages of Trident sugarless gum. Mr. Boyle won the oral irrigator this year by guessing the number of spools of Dental floss in a jar. The jar contained 221 spools and that is what Mr. Boyle guessed. (Photo by Woronchak)

Instructor wins again 2nd consecutive year

For the second consecutive year Gerald Boyle has won the oral irrigator as a part of the activities during Dental Health Week.

The oral irrigator, worth about $50, was awarded to the person closest to guessing the correct number of spools of dental floss in a jar. Other activities in front of the library from Nov. 8 to 12 were toothbrush exchange, a slide presentation on conditions of oral tissue, and sunflower seeds selling for 20 cents.

Mr. Boyle, teacher in the school of business, guessed the exact number of 221 spools of dental floss. "I looked at the bowl and divided it into sections and estimated it," Mr. Boyle said. Last year's prize, also an oral irrigator, was won on a draw basis by Mr. Boyle.

"It's really a chance in a million," Sandra Stewart, coordinator or the dental hygiene program, said.

Overall, Dental Health Week was a success, Mrs. Stewart said. "The spirit of the thing was excellent," although there weren't as many toothbrushes given away this year. Mrs. Stewart believes the activities will expand to another campus of Niagara College next year.

World of computer dating soon to hit Niagara College

A computer dating service may soon be available at Niagara College.

The service will be offered through the computer club in the college. Executive members stress the venture will be set up only for people to have fun, a good time, and support the club. The service will be open to anyone in the college and members are hoping for good student response to make it a reasonable venture.

The club is planning to advertise the service through the Niagara News, the journalism program newspaper, with a coupon people can fill and submit to the club with a $1 nominal fee. The venture will probably get off the ground after Christmas, executive members said.

The computer club, which has just formed its executive and already has 28 members, is open to anyone in the college, and members will be "out on the prowl for recruiting new members," the executive said. Membership fee is $3.

PLANS TOURS

The club plans to set up a number of tours throughout the year. The Vac system and Word Processing centre, in the college, and Computer Land, a store in St. Catharines, are a few places the club plans to visit. The club also plans to go to a Computer show in Toronto on Nov. 16. Non-members are welcome with a fee of $8.

The club plans to hold a solftware contest the beginning of next term. Anyone will be invited to write a program for any of the three categories: business language, machine level language and basic language. The submissions will be judged by teachers and cash prizes will be awarded to winners. The date will be posted. A raffle for club members will be held some time before Christmas.

The computer club room, L18 Lundy building, will be open to members every lunch hour. It is hoped people will use the computers for writing programs, playing video games, and other computer-related activities.

The executive members for the 1982-83 computer club are: president, Simon Guard, third-year computer engineering technology; vice-president, Elaine Murphy, second-year data processing; treasurer, June Miller, second-year data processing, and secretary, Mike Booker, third-year computer engineering technology.

New club for students

By NORBERT LePAGE
Staff Writer

A new club, Regroupment Niagara, has been formed on campus to regroup French speaking students and to facilitate their integration in the college and the community.

"All activities will be in French," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French Languages Services and club supervisor, said. "The membership does not leave out English-speaking students as long as they are willing to participate in French."

"The group has already generated a lot of interest with students in bilingual programs who feel the need for such a group because a fair number of them from out of town feel isolated," Ms. Vigeant said.

A constitution and budget have already been written and will be presented to the Student Admininstrative Council soon

Membership cards are available for $2 at the French Languages Services and from club executives.

Members of the executive committee are: Guilda Rossignol, first-year early childhood education, second-year journalism, vice-president; Sue Millette, second-year tourism, secretary treasurer; year tourism, secretary-treasure; Johanne Belanger, second-year bilingual secretary; Nicole Dorval, first-year bilingual secretary; Rita Fournier, second-year early childhood education; Gerard Leblanc, first-year tourism, and Henry Larocque, construction engineering.

Regroupment Niagara's first activity will be a Christmas party on Dec. 3 upstairs at the Social Club in Welland. Tickets are $3 for members and $3.50 for non-members.

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English failures must pay $

For the first time this year there will be no first term English offered in the day program at Niagara College to students who need to repeat the course for graduation.

"It's been a luxury basically," Dennis Malone, chairman of the English and communication arts program, said, to offer the English course free of charge during the winter semester.

This year students who have to take the course over will have to do so at night school and will have to pay a registration fee of $42.

The English course, H-EN-100, was previously offered in about four sections during the day starting in January, but running the classes has been expensive, costing approximately $4,000.

"Do we spend money on courses that are required or on re-offering courses for students to pick-up? " Mr. Malone said. "It's probably more fair for students who are successful to have reasonable hours and sector sizes rather than unsuccessful students."

Students needing the course for graduation may take it through Continuing Education in the evening at St. Catharines and Welland, or may take it again at the same time during the next year.

The course was the only one offered that students could take again during the day without a penalty or either time or inconvenience of some sort, Mr. Malone said.

The course is offered and is readily available but only a night and with the registration fee for repeating students, as applies to any course, Mr. Malone said.

There will be no limit to enrolment at the evening classes as the number of sectors being taught of the course will be decided after registration, depending on the number of students. Students will not have to worry about classes being filled and thus being excluded from them. "It's just not as convenient," for students to take the course over again at night, Mr. Malone said.

H-EN-100 will continue to be offered to students starting in January during the day programs.

A joyful reunion took place after kidnap victim Papa Smurf(left) was safely returned to Frenchship Club president PeterCronin. (Photo by Cochrane)

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Kidnap victim safe, returned unharmed

By WILDA COCHRANE
Staff Writer

A three-foot-high, red and blue Papa Smurf, was kidnapped from Niagara College's resource centre on Nov. 18. But much to the relief of his family and the Frenchship Club--he has been safely returned.

Diane DeAngelo, second-year journalism student and sports reporter for the Niagara News, worked closely with Peter Cronin, president of the Frenchship Club, to bring about the safe return of the Smurf. Peter said he would call police if the Smurf was not returned. Between the hours of 11 and 11:30 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 22, Papa Smurf was delivered into the hands of the sharp-eared sports reporter who returned it to Marcella Therrien, staff adviser to the club.

Negotiations began after Diane told Peter, who is also a journalism student, that she had overheard comments relating to the kidnapping of the Smurf.

"Wonderful," Mme. Therrien was heard to say. "I knew it was only a prank."

"I'm just glad we got it back," said Peter.

The Smurf, worth about $50, is to be first prize in a draw sponsored by the Frenchship Club.

"adoption options" can be purchased at the SAC office for 50 cents each or three for $1.

Money from machines gives students more activities

By VANESSA BATCULES
Staff Writer

Profits established from the purchase of two office machines at Welland Vale in 1978, have resulted in the accumulation of about $30,000 in a trust fund set aside for the purpose, Morris Bosey, of the counselling department, said.

Prior to the purchasing of the two machines in 1978, the school received about $800 in commissions from the total money made by the hot-drink vending machines and telephones in the building. The money was given to the Student Senate "for use in funding student activities in the school." Any extra funding was "gained through their own endeavors," Mr. Bosey said.

The project began when Mr. Bosey discussed with the Senate committee the possibility of using some of the money from the allotted commissions to make a down payment on a coffee machine. The machine would then belong to the school and students, and through proceeds gained from the machine, it would pay for itself. Anything left over would be profit to be used for the benefit of the students.

Once gaining permission from the director of administration of the college the plan was put into practice.

"The project was so successful, the first machine paid for itself in one year and in the next year some of the money made was used as a down payment for a second machine," he said. When it was in turn paid for, the Student Senate gained an income of about $10,000 a year from the two machines.

Some of the money has since been used for a number of student services "such as the Emergency Fund with which the students were assisted financially in filling drug and eyeglass prescriptions and other similar emergency needs, Mr. Bosey said.

Some of the money "has been used for current expenditures and events for the student body," he said. The money left over has accumulated in the special trust fund and is administered by the finance department of the college. The use of the money is controlled by a trust fund committee set up especially for this purpose.

The committee consists of the president of the Student Senate, Mike Plamondon; the senate adviser, Mr. Bosey; the executive director of educational and student services, Dr. Nora McCardell and the head of counselling, Bette Ferguson. Any expenditures made must first be approved by the committee.

Each year about half the money is used on extracurricular student activities while the rest is being deposited in the trust fund.

"We're not worried about money, just how to spend it properly," Mr. Bosey said. "This frees the Senate from money-making projects so they are able to spend approved money in a positive way for the benefit of the students."

Tentative plans for the future include an outdoor summer luncheon area to be built at the back of the school, complete with cement tables and benches.

"This would give the students somewhere to relax during lunch and breaks," Mike said.

Awards for the best graduating students could help further their educations and training; and the Senate would like to acquire a mini-computer which could be used in a variety of programs including areas of machine shop, drafting and the Career Counselling program.

The Senate has been in negotiations since August in hope of purchasing word processors.

The senate also hopes to purchase a photocopier for use of the students.

Dancing, feasting, song part of Christmas dinner

The Hotel Club of Niagara College at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls will be holding its annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 11.

The dinner takes place at the Serbian Hall on Main Street at 7 p.m. with cocktails at 6 and dancing at 9 o'clock with the Tony Diodati Orchestra.

Tickets at $16 are to be purchased in advance by calling 354-2651 or 357-1648 after 3 p.m.

The dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, fresh fruit cocktail, cream of asparagus soup, roast duck a l'orange, pommes parisienne, baby carrots, green beans almondine, and a pastry table.

There will be a midnight buffet at 12 p.m. with a cheese and pastry tray.

Everyone is welcome to attend the gala affair.

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EDITORIALS

Did you say really?

The editor's editorial this week is on a dying art form. One that we're all capable of mastering. What is it? Why the art of fine conversation naturally. Really, you say? Did you say really? You're just the person I want to talk to.

When you're involved in a conversation with someone do you reply, "Really" to everything that person says? For example: "Boy am I having a rough week at school" "Really?" "Yeah, lots of homework and tests" "Really?" "Did you know that Epsilon Bootis is 400 million light years away?" "Really?"

Now I don't know about you, but I can't stand this sort of conversation. These people either have no interest whatsoever in what you're saying or their vocabulary consists of three words; no, yes, and really. I'd rather talk to a dry stick!

Who are these people? We're all guilty of this crime to some extent but there are those who insist on burying the fine art of conversation with their continuous abuse of that one word.

Where do we place the blame for the disappearance of this art? On society. We are all to blame for its death. In a society so plastic and cold, so fast paced, it's no wonder that the one personal, warm action left between two people — remember I'm taking about conversation — would be lost.

So the next time you're involved in a conversation with someone, talk, ask questions, make a point, argue, hit them, throw things at them, do anything; just don't say, "Really!" Really?

Doug Todd

'Metric ridiculous!'

Changes are not always easy to accept, but we usually learn to adjust and live with them. But, having changes shoved down our throats is ridiculous!

Metric has been a part of our lives for some time now and the conversion on metric weights and measures was completed earlier this year at the end of the federal government's two-year phase-out of the Imperial system, but not all Canadians have adjusted to the change.

How often do you go to a store, look at the weight given on the label, and wonder just exactly how much you're getting for your money's worth, if you're getting your money's worth! Is it possible that we — Canadians — are being taken for fools? Impossible!

How often have you listened to a weather forecast, heard the temperature — in Celsius, of course — and wondered what that meant in real degrees?

A Toronto gas station owner recently changed his gas pumps back to gallons because he is outraged that the metric system was thrown upon us, and we were forced to accept it. He was warned by the government to change back to metric, by a given deadline, or his pumps would be sealed. He announced if they were sealed, he would remove the seals. He is circulating a petition which many supporters have signed. All his pumps are in gallons, except for a few in metric. There is a constant line-up at all the pumps, except the ones in metric. Eventually, the government threat was removed and officials are now waiting for further instructions from the government.

He receives many out-of-town customers, just to fill their tanks and sign his petitions. From this evidence can we conclude Canadians have totally adjusted to the metric system?

We claim we are so lucky to live in a country that practises democracy. Isn't that when the people rule? As I recall, there was no plebiscite on the metric issue.

The federal government issued a White Paper, in January, 1970, stating metric conversion was "both inevitable and in national interest." Ha!

In June, 1971, the commission for Metric Conversion was established and embarked on a four-phase program consisting of: investigation, planning, scheduling and implementation.

Well, the change has been made; we are learning to adjust to the metric system, slowly but painfully; and the issue is closed. Or is it?

Gloria Rizzuti

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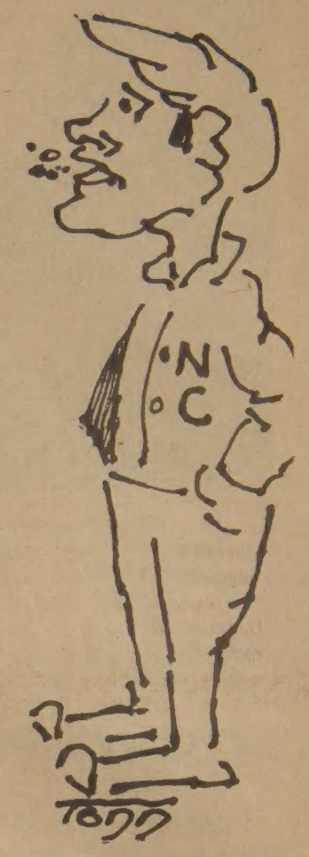

"You better watch who you hang around with

Mike, your marks reflect the friends you choose!"

Letters to the Editor

'Korea, Canada's forgotten war' Canadian's killed, wounded

Dear Editor:

I happened to pick up a copy of The Niagara News, dated 1 Nov. 82, and glancing through it, especially the editorials, I noticed a grave omission. You are remembering Remembrance Day but not quite.

Three crosses are pictured (in a cartoon), one with 1914-1918 on it, one with 1939-1945, and the third with nothing but a question mark. Should that not have read 1950-1953 (Korea)?Underneath there reads, "Lest We Forget." It seems like Korea is Canada's forgotten war; a book entitled just that, Canada's Forgotten War by John Malady of Brighton, Ont., is due to be published in 1983 in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the ending of that war, 27 July, 1953.

True there was no Vimy Ridge, or Ypres as in the 1914-1918 war, no Dieppe, Normandy or Hong Kong as in 1939-1945, but only five years after the signing of the surrender in August, 1945, ending the Second World War, Canadians and other Allies were again dying on a battlefield far from home. The first war in which a United Nations Force would see action began early Sunday morning, 25 June, 1950, and didn't end until 27 July, 1953, three years and one month later.

In this nasty war there was a total of 490,000 battle casualties suffered by the Allies; of these, 516 Canadians were killed, 1,211 were wounded in action, and 33 became POWs.

A total of 26,791 Canadians served in Korea/Japan between 1950-1953 in the Navy, Army and Air Force; 7,000 more served in the occupation that followed the signing of the armistice and remained until 1955.

True our casualties were small; in comparison to the two world conflicts, Korea was not a global war, confined as it was to the Korean Peninsula, but had the U.S. and the U.N. not acted when they did it surely would have been a much larger war.

Regardless of what some birdbrain politicians named it, especially those in the U.S. and U.K. to cover up their own stupidity, it was a war pure and simple.

A Korean Veterans Association of Canada was formed some 10 years ago. We have units and members across Canada and this past July a unit was formed in Niagara, Niagara Unit 15.

One of the aims of our association is to see to it that we receive the proper recognition as Canada's last veterans.

1950-1953 has recently been added to the National War Memorial in Ottawa and we intend to see it on every war memorial across the nation.

The next time you have a spare cross, Remember us: 1950-1953, Lest We Forget.

Frank Cassidy CD
Charter Member KVA
National Director
Unit 15 Niagara

Spelling classes please, sadden former student

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to see that remedial spelling (Niagara News, Nov. 15, 1982) is offered at the college, but I am disappointed that only 12 students are taking it.

As a graduate of the college (1971), I wish that something similar had been available when I attended; as an employer I insist that people know how to spell. As a member of several advisory committees at the college, I intend to recommend that more programs in all schools, direct students to take the remedial spelling courses.

The college should offer the course every term to accommodate more students to make them more proficient in spelling. It is so important.

Ross Wallace
Williamson-Lalonde
St. Catharines, Ont.

You can't get into swimming if you can't get into your swimsuit.

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Many runaways crying for help

By MICHELLE GAGNON
Staff Writer

Streaks of determination are all that remain once rebellious tears are wiped from her pretty, young face.

Rising fears are pushed aside as she promises herself good times unhampered by rules, responsibilities and curfews.

With a hint of naive defiance, she takes the first step down a dangerous road —a road that may lead nowhere, but away.

That suits her fine. She is a runaway.

James R. Gayder, deputy police chief of the Niagara Regional Police Force, said that as of Oct. 31, 1,097 juveniles in the Niagara Region were reported "missing," and 1,033 returned. Welland reported 246 missing, 122 males and 124 females. Port Colborne reported 48 missing, 29 males and 19 females.

"When it gets so painful that you can't stand it anymore —you take off," Ernest Harrison, intake worker at the Family and Children Services (FACS) said.

Home may not be a happy place because of drinking, arguing or even financial trouble. Children will want to "lash out" at their parents, possibly even run away.

"In almost all cases, running from home is a very loud cry for help," Kay Tolle, a Maryland social worker, said. "When a child splits, the family is in a situation ripe for change. Because that's the time when parents and children are most strongly motivated to alter the patterns which led to such drastic action."

Surprising

Mr. Harrison said, "The majority of local runaways usually end up at a friend's place or at the place of a parent's friend."

"Runaways may offer horror stories about their home life," Mr. Harrison said. "It is surprising how many people will accept them."

These people can be charged with harboring a runaway or contributing to juvenile delinquency. The only place runaways are "supposed to be" is at home or away with a parent's permission.

Mr. Harrison said FACS cannot help youths over 16 nor their parents. "In Ontario, a runaway must be under 16. After 16 you can forget it as a runaway and a child."

Parents

A parent who calls to report a runaway is told to call the police and report the child missing. "We can't do anything until this is done."

Parents are encouraged to admit or accept there is a problem whether they think so or not. "The child has run away, so he must feel that the situation is unbearable."

Mr. Harrison has a theory that people who have established running away as a method of coping with their problems use that method through their whole lives.

Quitting job after job or moving from city to city is a form of running, he said. "This causes a series of problems. You never get ahead materially and never develop roots."

The picture is not a pretty one for our brave, but misguided, runaway. It's safe to say that she'd be a step ahead by turning back. If only she would listen...

Another lonely wanderer hits the road.

(Photo by Bradley)

SPECTRUM

Opinions / Lifestyle

More pleasant side of medicine seen by health centre doctor

By PATRICIA BRADLEY
Staff Writer

A new doctor has joined the staff in the health services centre at Niagara College.

Dr. Heather Stark, who is in her first year of practice as a doctor, will be filling in on the days off of other doctors who work in the health centre of the college.

Dr. Stark is in general practice and works in the same office as Drs. G.A. Alexander, Michael Lovegrove and Elizabeth Johnston with an emphasis on family medicine. All of these doctors take clinics at the college.

"You don't get fragmented care or crossed messages that way," Dr. Stark said. She prefers seeing the whole family, rather than having the parents treated by one doctor and the children by a pediatrician.

"It makes it easier to get a fair assessment of each case," if the background and homelife of the

DR. HEATHER STARK

individual are also known, Dr. Stark said.

However, Dr. Stark is not as involved with family medicine at the college "as we just see students here,"Dr. Stark said.

Dr. Stark spent eight years in nursing before she decided to go into medicine at McMaster University, and is in her first year of practice since graduating from the Hamilton university in May, 1981.

Dr. Stark said she prefers working in a setting such as the health centre or general practice rather than in a hospital as one gets to see the more pleasant side of medicine where people are not all very ill.

The services the doctors at the health centre offer are "exactly what is offered at a family doctor's," Dr. Stark said. Many of the students at the college are from out of town and cannot get to their family doctor "so we fill in," Dr. Stark said.

So far, Dr. Stark has only filled in on two mornings and said she has not yet formed an opinion about the college. "The students yes, the college no,"she said, finding her student patients to be exactly like any other patient she would see in an everyday practice.

USC gives helping hand to needy, hungry overseas

By DOUG TODD
Staff Writer

Canadians today take for granted the little things in life that they depend on for survival like clean drinking water, clothing and daily meals. In poverty-stricken countries, however, these very same needs can mean the difference between life and death for millions of people. It is the need for such necessities that brings charitable organizations such as the Unitarian Service Committee (USC) to these depressed areas.

Jeff Ramin, USC projects officer, spoke to a group of international relations students at the college Nov. 18.

The USC, established in 1945 by Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, is a Canadian non-political overseas aid and development agency involved in six countries: Botswana, Lisotho, Nepal, Indonesia, Swaziland and Bangladesh.

The USC provides two functions in these countries. It provides interest-free loans to families to be used in a way to increase income, and it provides organizational support for projects and programs.

It provides a literacy program, classes on nutrition, health care, family planning and an individual savings program to help people use their loans to the fullest.

Families in agricultural groups can receive $90 loans and non-agricultural group members can receive $30. To Canadians, $30 may not seem like a lot of money but in a country like Bangladesh where the average yearly income is $100, the loans can go a long way.

Mr. Ramin cited the example of a fisherman earning $2.50 a week. With a $30 USC loan, he bought unhusked rice which he takes home, prepares for market, and then sells. He was able to increase his weekly income to $5 and by the end of the year will have paid off the loan and saved $50.

Ideas for SAC

If you have a beef concerning the Student Administrative Council (SAC), they have just the place for it, a suggestion box in the SAC office.

SAC is looking for constructive ideas of criticisms for consideration by the council.

The best idea each month will receive a free pass to an upcoming pub, selection to be made at the end of each month.

SAC will contact those people who submit useable ideas to discuss details.

Any ideas of criticisms which fall under the jurisdiction of administration will be forwarded to the responsible parties.

The selection for the month of December will be held on Dec. 14.

English test well received

By PAT BRADLEY
Staff Writer

The response to the new English test given to first-year college students has been mostly positive, Dennis Malone, chairman of English and Communication arts of Niagara College, said.

The test, designed by college teachers to aid in the design of college curricula, was written by 21,241 of about 51,000 first-year students across the province, Mr. Malone said.

Mr. Malone sent out a questionnaire to the colleges that used the test, and "the remarks and impressions have generally been favorable."

Mr. Malone said the only negative comments about the test were that it takes a long time to administer — three periods.

The test took six years of work on the part of teachers from 13 colleges, including Mr. Malone. It consists of three parts: 50 multiple choice questions, a letter writing assignment, and an essay.

On the positive side, many of the comments from the colleges indicated that the teachers liked the marking guidelines that must be followed when using the test, Mr. Malone said. A standard marking guide must be used with the test so that evaluations will be as close as possible at all the colleges.

Results of the test are being analysed by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education(OISE) so any weaknesses in the test can be corrected.

Recorded test results of about 270 first-year tests from Niagara College were sent on computer tape to OISE in the format it requested. Niagara was the first college of those involved in the study of the test to get results in, Mr. Malone said.

Several of the colleges that used the test indicated they would be willing to have their own representatives work on the test to revise and expand it for next year, Mr. Malone said.

The representatives would not be paid and would work strictly on a volunteer basis, as were the teachers from 13 colleges involved in the original design of the test, Mr. Malone said.

The only remaining thing needed to conclude the results of the test is the computer analysis of the test from OISE.

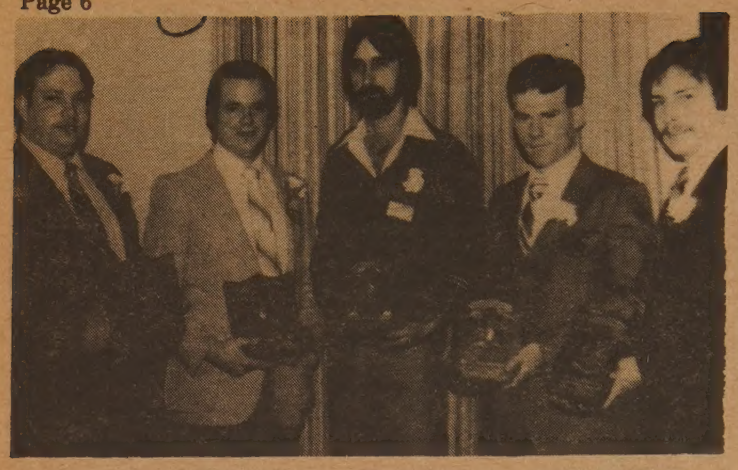
Health Council approves

The District Health Council has approved a proposed paramedic program to be held at Niagara College in the new year.

The council agreed to three of four recommendations presented to them, Frank Adamson, coordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program, said. The council's approval was necessary in order to proceed.

The St. Catharines General Hospital has also given its approval.

The major concern is the responsibility of the doctors for orders given to the paramedics.



Basic apprentices training through Niagara College apprentice programs were awarded plaques a the NITAC Awards Banquet. From left to right are: Joseph Zoccoli, Allen Sackfie, Allan Schott, Barry Burton and Stan Pockaj. Plaques were presented by Michael Cheredar, NITAC chairman.

Outstanding apprentices were awarded plaques for academic excellence at the NITAC Awards Banquet held at the Hotel Centre, Niagara Falls, Nov. 17. Receiving awards in the advanced class were, from left to right: Wayne Hoeschle, William Hallett and Dennis Sacco. Plaques were presented by Harold Becker, provincial representative.

Xmas bash at Rose Villa

The Christmas Bash will be held at the Rose Villa, Dec. 16, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has announced.

An $8 ticket will cover dinner and pub featuring Men from Earth, Stark Naked and the Flesh Tones and the CFNY video road show.

Santa is rumored to be planning an appearance, an inside sourse at SAC said.

Tickets for the pub only are available for $3 each. Tickets are available at the SAC office.

the dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the pub will take place in a separate roon starting at 8 p.m.

Apprentices awarded at NITAC banquet

Niagara College apprentices who excelled academically were rewarded at the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee (NITAC) Apprentice Awards Banquet held at the college Hotel Centre, Niagara Falls, Nov. 17.

Eleven awards were given in the form of plaques which were received by the advanced, intermediate and basic apprentices.

Winning awards for "scholastic excellence" in the advanced class were: Wayne Hoeschle, apprentice general machinist working at Stahlkran Ltd.; William Hallet, apprentice tool and die maker working at T.R.W. Canada Ltd., and Dennis Sacco, apprentice industrial mechanic millwright at T.R.W.

Intermediate awards were received by Paul Fehrman, apprentice general machinist at Thurston Machine; John Steinman, tool and die maker at Kot Tool & Die, and Norman Damato, industrial mechanic millwright at Canadaian Niagara Power.

Five awards were given to the basic class: Joseph Zoccoli, general machinist at Wright Machine; Allen Sackfie, tool and die maker at T.R.W. Canada Ltd.; Allan Schott, motor vehicle mechanic at Haskins Auto Repair; Barry Burton, apprentice cook for the Niagara Parks Commission, and Stan Pockaj, apprentice cook at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Among invited guests were: Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president; Michael Cheredar, chairman of NITAC; Rodric McLeod, federal representive; Harold Becker, provincial representive, and Joseph Furgal, vice-chairman and master of ceremonies.

Miss Robarts stressed that the region needs to keep training people. This is why the apprentice programs at Niagara College have grown, she said.

"We are training for the future and looking for an upturn in the economy," Miss Robarts said.

The dinner—which consisted of melon cocktail, chicken consomme and profiterolles, roast rib eye of beef, marquis potatoes, orange glazed carrots, green beans German style and black forest torte was prepared by the advance apprentice cooks.

The NITAC awards banquet was the first of its kind and it is hoped to become an annual event, Mr. Furgal said.

Ontario Place offering jobs — 600 enthusiastic staff needed

By SUE SACHVIE
Staff Writer

A wide range of job openings is being offered to 600 students by Ontario Place this summer.

Three representatives of Ontario Place spoke to Niagara College about summer jobs Nov. 18 in the Secord Room.

At 12:15 there was a good turnout when Shirley Bodanis, manager of employee services, Sue Rathwell, staff co-ordinator and Lesley Shelton, co-ordinator of employer sevices, spoke to co-operative education students.

AUDIO-VISUALS

There were few people at 1 p.m. when Miss Rathwell, 24, presented audio-visuals, while Miss Shelton, 24, spoke to the group about Ontario Place.

"We will be employing 600 students from May 2 to Sept. 11," Miss Shelton said. "We send application kits so you know exactly what experience you will need for a particular job."

The corporation which is one of Canada's major attractions is looking for personable, enthusiastic staff for the coming summer season. "Public relations and good communication skills are needed," Miss Rathwell said. "Water safety is important too."

Summer jobs will include public relations, retail sales, clerical, attractions, snack bar, admissions, parking, security, first aid, emergency, grounds, marina, production and technical, and acting as hostess.

"We always try to hire 50 per cent of our staff back from the previous year. But we can't hire any more than that," Mrs. Bodanis said. "Supervisor staff have to be at Ontario Place for at least one year."

Although the policy is not to hire anyone under 18, "we do not discriminate," Miss Shelton said.

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Early Christmas gift to happy lottery winner

A third-term general college student was the winner in the United Way lottery held at Hennepin Hall Nov. 15.

Catherine Shaubel of Port Colborne, majoring in law and security, said: "I was really surprised. It couldn't have come at a better time especially with Christmas coming."

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, drew the name of the winner of the $100 cash prize which was presented to Catherine later.

Tickets for the lottery were sold by staff members with Mary Catherine Gauvreau, clinical technician of the dental auxiliary program, and Eric Robinson, chairman of the institute of labor and labor management, as co-chairman of the lottery.

United Way tops goal at college

The United Way campaign at Niagara College has topped its goal of $10,000 this year.

Foster Zanutto, director of information services and chairman of the United Way campaign at Niagara College, said as of Nov. 16, the campaign has brought in $10,168.94.

"I am very happy with the generous response of Niagara College personnel," Mr. Zanutto said.

Mr. Zanutto said success was made possible by the Student Administrative Council (SAC), which donated $190.94 from pubs and other events such as the Legs contest, the lottery, which netted $113 and mainly from faculty and administration, who by pledge cards, donated $9,865.

Mr. Zanutto said Niagara College students helped by attending pubs, going to events, and buying tickets for the lottery.

Mr. Zanutto said he was "happily surprised" by the outcome of the campaign because "the economy is in the slumps right now."

Buy cards, help kids

Staff and students can get in the Christmas spirit early and help children around the world by buying stationery for UNICEF.

Educational resource technician and health science students are selling stationery, part of which consists of Christmas cards, writing paper and calendars for UNICEF.

They will be on sale every lunch hour, Monday to Friday, in the Tecumseh Foyer, until Dec. 10.

The project is sponsored by the United Nations club, a student-run club in the college, which arranged to have the materials brought to the college. The faculty adviser for the club is James Nicholas, international relations instructor, who is also president of the local UN chapter.

The Christmas cards come in a variety of sizes, quantities and packages. Many of the designs on the cards and envelopes were done by children in the third world, David Porteus, first-year educational resource technician student, said.

One-of-a-kind program offered only at NC of course

Niagara College has started its supervisory management program, a unique program, for its eighth consecutive year.

The intensified four-week program, the only one of its kind offered in any Ontario community college and perhaps in Canada, began Nov. 15, Ed Zanetti, industrial management co-ordinator, and co-ordinator of the program, said.

This year there are 12 participants representing eight companies from the Niagara region. They are released from their work for the four-week period, the employers pay for the course and employees still receive full salary.

The companies select the participants; maximum class size for the program is 15, Mr. Zanetti said.

The program is usually run three times during the academic year, but due to the economic situation, the session scheduled for October had to be cancelled. The next session is for March.

Companies are cutting back on resources—human as well as financial—and it has affected the program, Mr. Zanetti said.

Thirty-three different companies have participated since the program was started. Companies range from small businesses employing 40 to 50 workers, to businesses employing 6,000 and the program has graduated more than 500 supervisors, Mr. Zanetti said.

There is a wide variety of participants. Some have less than a high school education while others are university graduates in engineering and business. Their supervisory experience ranges from none to in excess of 15 years, he said.

The program encourages participants to share ideas and experiences, Mr. Zanetti said. "It is a very positive feature of the program."

GOOD ATTITUDE

Participants, although apprehensive and unsure, have a generally positive and open-minded attitude which has risen in the last few years because of the "image and credibility we've created," Mr. Zanetti said. Many have not been in an academic setting for a long time, he said.

The instructors are faculty members from the school of business, and some from outside the college. The faculty selected to teach in the program, both academically and practically qualified, are often referred to as resource people, Mr. Zanetti said.

The program includes 11 courses, of which one is recreation. The three key courses taught are supervisory skills, effective communications and labor relation, Mr. Zanetti said.

The students learn about supervisory attitudes, motivation and leadership style, oral communications, listening skills, contract administration, and problems that arise, among others.

Small fire causes $2,000 damage

A small fire caused about $2,000 damage to the Horticultural Centre's greenhouse complex Oct. 23, Mark Hedger, horticultural technician, said.

The fire destroyed a small addition to the complex, destroying potting benches and plant cuttings. Sharon Moore a part-time horticultural technician, discovered the damage while making her rounds. By this time the fire was out and was just smouldering.

Jubilee Club bazaar successful senior citizens enjoy the day out

The Jubilee club, assisted by educational resource technician students, held a successful bazaar and bake sale at the college earlier this month.

The senior citizens' club from the Jubilee apartments, King Street, sole everything from sweaters, hats, scarves, mitts to pencil holders, placemats and bread dough flowers, plus much more in the Tecumseh foyer Nov. 4.

Many people ordered articles custom made in specific colors.

Della Riopelle, 19, second-year educational resource technician, went every Friday evening as part of her work experience to show these "great gals" some new crafts.

"I really enjoyed being with them and talking to them," Della said. "They enjoyed getting together too. They were happy not being pushed too much. I wish I had time to go again this year."

The Jubilee club received a New Horizon grant from the government. The grants are used to get the seniors out of their apartments and keep them busy. Last year the club bought a projector; this year they need a loudspeaker.

"We are like a family in here," Lucy Clack, club president, said. "Different nationalities do different crafts: some do lovely crocheting and others do beautiful knitting."

First-year students helped with the bazaar by making posters for advertising and by selling tickets.

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Gene Maltais, political science instructor, looks as if he's in heaven sitting in Madame Speaker's chair in the House of Commons, surrounded by five first-year journalism students. From the left, Kathleen Harvey, Sue Kmita, Mr. Maltais, Stella Johnson, Karen Norell and Ruth Brown.
(Photo by Ujfalussy)

Niagara students hit Ottawa for enlightening experience

By DOREEN HOOVER
and DIANE UJFALUSSY

About 46 students taking Canadian history or government courses travelled to Ottawa Nov. 17 "to get a first-hand look at the workings of federal government.

Students travelled by Farr Coach Lines and stayed at the Sheraton Le Marquis Hotel in Hull, Quebec.

"Staying in Hull is cheaper," Gene Maltais, political science instructor and one of two instructors travelling with students, said. "It also gives students an opportunity of seeing how the other half lives."

Karen Moreau, political science instructor, was the other chaperone.

Students had the chance to view Parliament buildings and see how the federal government system works, Mr. Maltais said.

Students visited some of Ottawa's sights by a bus tour that was an added highlight. Embassies and houses of ambassadors and Canada's wealthy were seen in Ottawa's fashionable Rockcliffe Park.

"The people who live here receive a $500 fine just for leaving a lawn uncut," Rick, the tour guide, said. "This place has no fire or police departments. We take care of that ourselves."

Students visited the Museum of Man, the Mint, War Museum, National Gallery and also had free shopping time.

That "ol' college spirit" was certainly upheld. Students seemed not to mind a good party.

"Kids from different courses get the chance to know one another. Journalism students meet law and security students, early childhood education students get to meet general college students and so on," Mr. Maltais said. "The trip makes a type of bond between students."

Students had a tour of the House of Commons by Gib Parent, Welland's Member of Parliament. Mr. Parent presented Mr. Maltais with an autographed picture of Prime Minister Trudeau.

"The majority of students are impressed in seeing the federal government," Mr. Maltais said. "They've internalized it. What was once abstract is now concrete."

Mr. Parent met the group at the Centennial Flame outside Parliament. He took students into the House of Commons, the tunnels under Parliament, the ballroom and the Liberal Caucus room.

"I can never forget the feeling of comradeship when I first stood in the Caucus room," Mr. Parent said. "We-all of us elected-had the feeling we could do something for this country."

On Friday, students were given a tour of the whole of Parliament and afterwards listened to question and answer period in the House of Commons.

NOT TRUDEAU

Students did not meet Prime Minister Trudeau as in previous years because he was in a meeting discussing future relations between Canada and the USSR because of Soviet president Brezhnev's death.

The remodelled East block of Parliament was seen by a few lucky students and Mr. Maltais. The East block had been closed for renovations.

Mr. Maltais said the chief disappointment of the trip was students not taking advantage of their own personal tours.

"Some students did not explore what was there for them to see on their own," Mr. Maltais said.

This was the ninth time students have had the opportunity of going to Ottawa with Mr. Maltais.

"It's getting more expensive every year," Mr. Maltais said. "The trip however, is always new and exciting. The city is always changing. I keep finding new things because I have time to go out and explore."

Mr. Maltais is not planning to lead the tour much longer. He feels it is time to give someone else the chance.

"It would be a good learning experience for an instructor. Setting it up is a lot harder than it looks," Mr. Maltais said. "Someone could get an entirely different format."

Students returned from Ottawa Nov. 20, a little more enlightened about Canada's capital and the federal government system.

Journalism: The Movie approved by Board

Journalism: The Movie was approved by Niagara College Board of Governors as a program promotion film.

Despite the fact that it is an "amateur" film, it is "very slick and professional," J.B. McLaughlin, chairman of the board, told the Oct. 28 meeting.

The 11- minute film, prepared by RTV students Andre Roy and Greg Darling, is a "good introduction to what the journalism program is all about," Jacqueline Robarts, president, said. "I am proud of the film considering it was produced by our students and on a shoe-string budget at that."

The $1,400 film depicts the Niagara College journalism program and is for promotion at high schools, Mr. Roy said.

Paul Wilson, Hamilton Spectator reporter and narrator of the film, described journalism as a "good, practical course."

Writing for a college paper is helpful when job-hunting, Mr. Wilson said. "It gives you something to take to prospective employers."

Mr. McLaughlin said, "The board is interested in the things that go on around the school. Since we're not high school students we wouldn't have had the opportunity to see the film unless we had a special viewing like tonight."

McCardell to show Washington project

Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student and educational services, will make a presentation on the results of a three-year-old counselling project in Washington next March.

Dr. McCardell and the project's co-ordinator, Jo-Anne Willment, have been involved in developing a system to provide professional development training in career counselling for non-career counsellors for the past three years.

Miss Willment said the presentation, to be made to the American Personnel and Guidance Association, will outline the program, give their observations on how it is progressing and, finally, give an idea of guidelines and suggestions for others running similar programs.

"It is the largest international association for counsellors in North America," Dr. McCardell said. Because "the economic situation is not so hot," the theme of the conference is "Counsellors Help America Work."

Dr. McCardell said the system trains people who deal with the public but have no counselling training. She said sometimes people do not want to go to career counsellors and so there is a need for others to be trained. Dr. McCardell said there also is a limited number of career counselling centres.

The program, funded by the Counselling Foundation of Canada, trains people in regional social services,the Canada Employment Centre and the Workman's Compensation Board to name some. The program trains people to deal with people on a personal level while being able to supply information to them.

CAAT Chat

Niagara high school students will soon have an opportunity to learn about college programs that they don't know exist.

Hans Van der Slagt, dean of business, will be speaking at Lakeport Secondary School, St. Catharines, to high school students from the Lincoln County School Board on Dec. 7 during the CAAT (College of Applied Arts and Technology) Chat.

Mr. Van der Slagt, one of the speakers from different colleges, will be speaking to students about business programs offered.

There are many programs offered, such as tourism and industrial management, but students don't know they exist because they have not been exposed to them, Mr. Van der Slagt said.

Florida tourism trip practical experience

As a part of the practical experience for tourism program, the bilingual class spent a week Florida.

While the five students were there, from Oct. 29 to Nov. 6, each student had a day to be tour guide for the group for the whole day. The students learned how it was to take charge of a tour group and cater to everyone's needs, they said.

Each student was responsible for making daily reports, while in Florida, for things such as the attractions and accommodations.

The cost of the trip was about $700 per person, part of which was obtained through fund-raising.

All arrangements were made by the students and plans were started in March, 1982.

While in Florida the students visited Busch Gardens in St. Petersburg, and Sea World, Wet and Wild, Disney World and Epcot in Orlando.

Epcot, a part of Disney World, consists of a number of pavilions and is designed with advanced technology. Three of the students were interviewed for jobs in the Canadian pavilion.

The students, Anne Chasse, Lina Denault, Sylvie Lacroix, Sue Millette, and Janice Thbodeau, were accompanied by Marie-Marthe Rennie, program co-ordinator, and her husband.

The students enjoyed their trip and gained a lot of experience relating to their program while they were there, they said.

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Christmas show and fairy tale combined in 'The Golden Goose'

The Niagara College Theatre Arts Centre invites students, faculty, staff and all other ageless children to celebrate the holiday season with them when they present a wonderful combination of Christmas and fairy tale. Their seventh annual Christmas show, The Golden Goose, opens Dec. 7 and runs until the 17th at the Empire Street centre.

Only a great Scrooge-like character could fail to delight in D'Arcy McHayle's adaption of this classic Grimm's fairy tale with the three Dummlings, a magic tree, a mysterious old man, curious villagers, a princess who wouldn't smile, and of course, the Golden Goose.

With costumes designed by Joan Davies and an appropriately fairy-taleish set by guest artist Rod Hillier, this adaptation of the Golden Goose, with its lively songs and dances, devised by Mr. McHayle, should awaken the holiday spirit in all who see it.

There will be daily performances at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for schools and 7 p.m. on selected evenings for family audiences.

Faculty, staff and their families are eligible for a 50 cent reduction on regular ticket prices of $2.50 for children and $3.50 for adults. For reservations contact: Beverley David at 735-0550; extensions 471/409.

Theatre arts committee moves to approach ministry to 'weight' technology aspect

There is a movement afoot to have the Niagara College Theatre Arts program designated a high technology course.

The theatre arts advisory committee, composed of eight distinguished members of the professional theatre community, want to approach the ministry of education with the intention of having the program "weighted" to reflect its high technological content.

Program co-ordinator John Rapsey believes the ministry lumps all theatre programs together when making critical assessments. Mr. Rapsey is concerned that it fails if it groups a George Brown or a "non-existent Humber" program with Niagara's.

"We are a very special case," he said.

There are more than 60 colleges and universities teaching drama in Canada and all but three specialize in training actors. Niagara has the largest technical program in the country.

The advisory committee is preparing its case which will be presented to the college. The argument will then go to the ministry.

Theatre grad returns to NC theatre centre

By PAT BRADLEY
Staff Writer

A Niagara College graduate who has gone on to greater things in the theatre returned to the college recently to present a play to the 1982 class of theatre students.

Stage manager for the play, Charlie Chu, a graduate of the Niagara College theatre program, shared some of his life in the theatre since graduating with the eager and inquisitive students, following the play.

After graduating from Niagara in 1974, Mr. Chu began his career as an assistant stage manager for Press Theatre in St. Catharines "just as many of you will," John Rapsey, co-ordinator of the theatre arts program, told the students.

Since then Mr. Chu has worked with the international tour of The Great Circus of China, The National Dance Company of Senegal, The Japan Puppet Theatre and the Peking Opera Theatre tour and others.

Mr. Chu worked for the Canada Council through which many of the national tours must go before performing in Canada.

"Being the only Chinese stage manager in the Canadian Actors Equity certainly helped," in his involvement with the tours, Mr. Chu said.

The play, Lone Star, a human comedy with serious overtones about the effects war has on the life of an individual, was well received by the theatre students who packed the college theatre.

Mr. Chu and three actors from the play fielded questions and comments about the play and their careers.

Mr. Chu is completing a six-week northern Ontario tour of Lone Star, presentation of the Toronto Arts Production Theatre Hour Company.

As stage manager for the production it is Mr. Chu's job to oversee the show and make sure everything runs smoothly.

FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Lone Star is presented mainly for high school audiences, and "with such a tour sometimes all you can count on is a floor—a stage and lights are a luxury," Wayne Best, one of the three actors in the troupe, said.

Mr. Chu must then adapt the set and prepare the actors for each new stage as well as arranging transportation and lodgings for the troupe. The company is made up of three actors, Mr. Chu and a driver-technician.

The members of the troupe are all theatre school graduates from colleges and universities across Canada.

The play, dealing with the effects war has on a man, follows in the same vein as the Original Child Bomb, a play about nuclear disarmament recently presented by the Niagara College theatre arts students.

Still hope for student jobs

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
Staff Writer

A former student told business students there is still hope for finding a job after graduation, even at a time when the economic situation is not promising.

Roseanne Garisto, 25, a 1979 business administration graduate, is promotion director for the Niagara Pen Shopping Centre in St. Catharines. Miss Garisto spoke to second-year sales and merchandising and second-year retail students Oct 25 about promotions within the shopping centre industry.

Miss Garisto has total control over all promotions and handles advertising and events concerning the mall, she said. She works in public relations and deals with the community. "We help the community and we see what we can do for them."

The mall manager, Jean-Marie Baubot, is 27 and the merchandising services manager, Dave Hagerman, 22, is also a Niagara College graduate. The copy-writer and rado announcer for the mall radio station, WRKS, a commercially-oriented station, is Mike Forester, another Niagara College graduate, Miss Garisto said.

She talked to the students about the Pen Centre, jobs of the promotion director, the promotional team, budgets, advertising and promotions.

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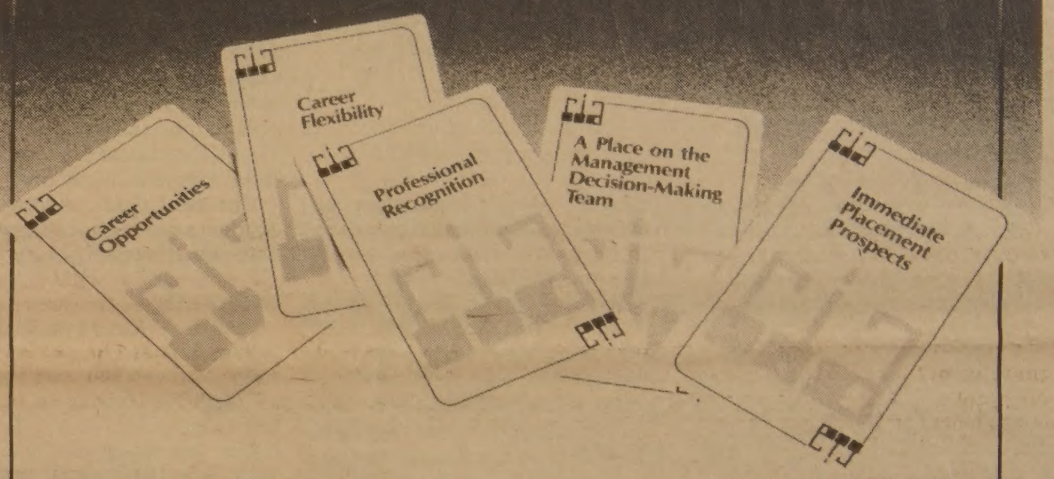

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Women's Knights lose to Mohawk

By DIANE DE ANGELO
Staff Writer

Nancy Mather collected a season high 25 points after the Niagara Knights women's basketball team was defeated by the Mohawk Mountaineers 75-57 Nov. 18.

The game was off to a slow start with the Mountaineers scoring the first points of the game. Ann Young, three minutes into the game, put the first two points on the scoreboard for Niagara. Although the Knights displayed good offensive basketball in the first half of the game, they seemed careless on the floor. The team was grabbing for the ball. This was an unsuccessful half for Niagara ending with a score of 32-24 for Mohawk College.

During the second half the tempo quickened. The team seemed to be more organized and was taking the ball down the court with less trouble than in the first half. The passing between players revealed good teamwork.

Nancy, Carolyn St. Angelo and Lisa Buckland did well at the foul line, managing to make a high percentage of foul shots during the game.

Niagara almost surpassed Mohawk seven minutes into the second half. Mohawk's lead was decreased to three points with a score of 41-38.

High scorers for the game were: Nancy with 25 points and Carolyn with 10. Ann Young added eight

NANCY MATHER

points with Lisa and Judy Helstab following with seven points.

Danuta Czainski had to be carried off the court as a result of a knee injury during the game.

Missed chances

Third loss of season for basketball team

An ill wind has blown for the men's basketball team which, undefeated two weeks ago, has now lost their last three games in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCCA) league.

The Knights lost 84-61 to Conestoga last Wednesday in Kitchener, 83-62 to Mohawk on Nov. 18 and 73-72 to Canadore fhte following night.

Earlier on Nov. 12 the Knights had remained undefeated by beating the Humber Hawks 72-62.

Commenting on last Wednesday's game, coach Paul Deeton said, "We missed too many easy shots and we turned the ball over too much."

Indeed, Niagara did not seem to be playing well. They approached Conestoga in a different perspective than they had Mohawk College the previous week. On the whole, the game was relaxed, slow and drawn out with many foul shots.

GOOD START, BUT....

The Knights were off to a good start and they scored alternately with Conestoga. Rebounds were few, the pace quickened, and with 10 minutes to go, Conestoga was dragging Niagara 10 points behind. The Knights seemed to be playing it safe in case they took too many chances and gave the ball away.

At the half, the score was 47-33, Conestoga leading.

The second half promised to be successful for Niagara players because they shot at least three baskets before Conestoga scored, bringing them closer. Pat Morrissey who was not performing well in the first half compensated for mistakes in the second. New team players, first-year students Phil Mosley and Dave Taylor, were quick on rebounds, as was also Dave Boc. Mark Ford, first-year accounting, was exceptional throughout the game and put up a good fight against the opponent.

"We just weren't playing well to get back," Mr. Deeton said. "We had a chance and didn't take it."

With four minutes left, first line-up players were replaced. Niagara tried to make a comeback in vain for a few moments but relaxed afterwards. The game swung back to its moderate tempo while Conestoga trudged towards victory in a steady pace. Leading the Knights by at least 10 points, for the rest of the game, they never once relaxed until the buzzer sounded the end. Niagara lost by 23 points, the game being the third loss since the season started.

"We had terrible defence," assistant coach Steve Holman said. "We shot poorly and made too many bad passes."

High scorers for the Knights were Pat Morrissey who scored 17 points; Mark Ford and Paul Weller, 11 each, and Dave Boc following with nine points.

"It's been a long season and we started off well," Mr. Deeton said in reference to four consecutive wins Niagara had. "Hopefully, we will start going again."

The team face Seneca College in Toronto tomorrow.

"That game is going to be very tough," the coach said.

AGAINST HUMBER

It was the fourth league game of the season Nov. 12 when the Knights defeated Humber Hawks 72-62.

Niagara scored the opening basket of the game, only to give way to Hawks' quick comeback of two points. In the first half, the scoring was a see-saw battle. The teams traded baskets throughout the remainder of the half.

At one point, the teams were battling for a one-point lead. With good offence, Niagara took control and pulled away with a score of 34-25 at the end of the first half.

The Knights turned in a good second half with a strong defence. Don Campbell, Dave Taylor and Jerry Naccarato showed commendable rebounding.

NIAGARA
SPORTS

Niagara College student wears black belt in karate

By DIANE DE ANGELO
Staff Writer

Ichi, ni, san, chee, ko... These are words which Tracy Booth is accustomed to hearing three days a week,—numbers in Chinese which Tracy's karate instructor barks out to pace the moves as they are practised in her karate class.

Tracy, a second-year data processing and management student, obtained her black belt in karate this summer. She was the only female student in the class to receive her black belt. It took her four years to work her way up through the six belts to achieve the coveted black belt.

Receiving her first degree black belt meant accomplishing one of Tracy's goals. "It was like a constant run up hill and finally reaching the top, but when I got to the top I found that there was still a mountain," she said. Tracy's next goal is to get her second degree in black belt.

She described attainment of degrees as going back to the first belt and starting over.

NOT EASY

Before a karate student advances she must take examinations, both written and performed. Getting a black belt is not as quick and easy as some people think, according to Tracy. "It took four long years, four long years of hard work and discipline to reach the black belt. You start gradually and work your way up."

Tracy, 20, started karate when she was 15. She was introduced to the Sensei (karate instructor) of a karate club in St. Catharines who spoke to Tracy about the importance of self-defence for women. "I decided to give karate a try after Sensei Racine told me of the advantages."

ALWAYS ACTIVE

Tracy found it was not hard for her to keep up with the class when she first joined; she was always active in sports at school. "I enjoyed the class right from the start because it was challenging and interesting. I noticed a change in my over-all fitness. The harder it got the more I wanted to do it. Each class was a contest against myself."

A chop for a chop! Tracy Booth, St. Catharines, is the only female who has received a black belt in her class.

Tracy's first competition was four months after she joined. She courageously admitted she did not do well. "I bombed. It was a competition with karate students from all over Ontario. I didn't know what to expect—after all it was my first real competition."

MUST PRACTISE

Although school takes up most of her time, it is crucial for her to practise almost every day. "Karate should be habitual to the serious student."

She has not only learned the moves in karate, she has learned the art. History, philosophy and powers of the mind as well as the body were included in her instruction.

Karate is not only good self-defence, good discipline and good exercise, it boosts a person's morale. "Karate is the best thing that ever happened to me; it boosted my confidence and I obtained knowledge I don't think I'd ever learn in school."

If a girl takes karate it does not mean that she is unfeminine, Tracy said. "Karate seems to be an unfeminine sport, but really the little feminine girls are the ones who need karate." It also improves circulation and self-awareness, she said.

"You know that movie, Good Guys Wear Black? Well, good gals wear black, too!"

SAC sponsors trip to Sabres' game

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is sponsoring an excursion to the Buffalo Sabres-Montreal Canadiens hockey game in Buffalo Dec.1

There is a bus scheduled to leave from the college cafeteria parking lot at 5:30 p.m. "SAC is picking up the tab for the bus ride," Carmen Angi, SAC president said.

Cost of the tickets are $9 for orange seats, $11 for blue seats. The seats are top centre ice. "They were the best seats available," Henry Zupanc, vice president of internal affairs, said.

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First loss for 1982-83 season

Men's basketball players shattered by Mohawk

By LOIS FERGUSON
Staff Writer

Tables turned dramatically for the Niagara Knights who finished in fine style even though they lost to Mohawk College 83-62 in the third Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCCA) men's basketball game Nov. 18 in the gym.

The Knights scored the first basket within seconds of the opening half and at first they seemed to be playing what was easily their best game for the season so far. The score began pulling like a see-saw and both teams had difficulty in gaining more than two points ahead of the other. The game slowed down for a few minutes as Niagara tried to keep up their momentum. However, Mohawk was determined to win and moved ahead with four points. The Knights tried to catch up as Don Campbell thrilled the crowd with his excellent defence and rebound reflexes.

The Mohawk Mountaineers led 45-37 at half-time. Is it that Mohawk is better or was Niagara just not playing well?

"They are a very physical team," coach Paul Deeton said about the Mountaineers. "If they are allowed to play that way they are going to win many games."

DRAMATIC HALF

A dramatic second half followed. Pat Morrissey, who played well throughout, brought the scores closer together as Niagara trailed three points behind in the first few minutes. Dave Taylor and Phil Mosley, first-year players, were quick on rebounds.

Mohawk scored in bunches but the Knights' defence improved noticeably. With 12 minutes left, they had moved up two points behind Mohawk.

Paul Weller of the Knights hustled and scored a few baskets, but their opponents were merciless. No matter how hard they tried, Niagara players failed to make shots count.

DAVE BOC

Both teams seemed to have problems with simple shooting, and Niagara was more than 10 points behind.

The climax came. Five minutes were left, Dave Boc of the Knights was dribbling all the way down to the basket and, suddenly, the Knights' game plan crumbled.

DON CAMPBELL

Coach Deeton was asked to leave the game because of a double technical foul. Without their mentor, the Knights seemed to to shatter right there on the court. No longer did they attempt to comeback and all the spirit, intensity and zip seemed to vanish somewhere between the bench and the court. Mohawk players probably knew they would leave Welland victorious.

First line-up players were replaced. Groans were echoed throughout the gym when the buzzer signified the end of the game.

Niagara Knights lost by 16 points.

High scorers for Niagara College were: Paul Weller, 12; Pat Morrissey, who scored 10 points, and Don Campbell, Dave Boc and Dave Taylor with eight points

"I am impressed," one student said about the team.

"They played very well," Michelle James, first-year radio and television, said.

The Knights play against Seneca College next Tuesday.

Curlers second in bonspiel

The college's mixed curling team placed second out of 13 teams in its second annual invitational bonspiel held Nov. 19 at the Welland Curling Club.

Team members were: David Fish, skip; Karen Guy, vice-skip; Mike Kalopos, second, and Brenda Lens, lead.

Niagara's team had a total of 18 points, five points behind the Fanshawe College men's team which placed first. Both Durhham College's mixed teams placed third and fourth respectively.

"David Fish and Paul Beldham did extremely well," coach Robert Young said.

Paul Beldham, third-year technology, was skip for Niagara's men's team which placed seventh with 137 total points throughout the bonspiel. His partners were: Dan Sebert, third-year technology; Tom Glucker, second-year technology, and Jack Pearce, third-year business.

Niagara College also entered two other mixed teams which placed 13th.

Skips on both mixed teams were Bill Harris, first-year business, and Carmen Angi, third-year marketing. Other players included: Denise Saunders, second-year tourism; Frank Mathieson, third-year business; John Naggy, second-year business; Sean Stacey, first-year technology; Monica Maier, first-year law and security, and coach Young.

"Regrettably, Fanshawe College had to withdraw one team and as we had a few extra players, Niagara was able to have a make-up team to fill the draw of 14 teams," Mr. Young said.

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Lopsided victory for Niagara's hockey team in first league game of the season

By LOIS FERGUSON
Staff Writer

The Knights played their first 1982-83 International Hockey League game with zest as they blazed to a 12-2 victory over the Niagara University Purple Eagles from Lewiston, N.Y., Nov. 12.

Mark Toner collected four goals, followed by Mark Sneider who shot in three. Jim Long had two goals and four assists. Gary Kukoly, Jeff Read and Chris Dergenese shot in one goal each.

In a lengthy and sometimes rapid game, the Knights were off to a slow start with the score at 1-1, but they ended the opening period with three goals.

The Knights, now in control of the game, tallied eight goals in the second period and one in the third while the Eagles trailed behind with another goal.

NO COME BACK

The Eagles tried to make a comeback in the third period, but it was too late. Niagara College had caught fire and was shooting goals one after the other. With 20 seconds left in the game, both teams became aggressive as they tried to get the puck. Niagara College led 12-1 and shot their last goal with one second left.

JIM LONG

Coach Fred Bassi is proud of his team's performance.

"There were too many foolish penalties, but we had the offensive play most of the time," he said. "I am glad we won."

Although victorious, the Knights received 67 minutes of penalties while the Eagles had 97 minutes of penalties.

Mr. Bassi said the Knights have "some potential" with six returns from last year's team.

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The video game craze is sweeping the country, and college students are no exception. Students relax during their spares with a game of Pac-Man. The three games, located in the cafeteria, are operated by SAC. (Photo by Rizzuti)

Pac-Man fever

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franchise in Burlington, Ont.

"There are educational video games, but the kind kids like and the kinds they are addicted to are Martians coming in that have to be killed, and the enemy is coming in here and you have to zap them. Everything is eliminate, kill, destroy, let's get up and do it fast," Mr. Koop told the University of Pittsburgh Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Nov. 9.

Dr. Xavier Plaus, psychologist and executive director for the Niagara Centre for Youth Care, says the centre gets adolescents addicted to video games who spend time in arcades at the expense of their school work; some of them steal to get enough money to play the games.

However, some say the games are not dangerous. Doug Rodgers, psychology instructor at Niagara says, "they see it as a problem or challenge to be resolved." He compares video games to chess. When an enemy is destroyed, the player sees it as one step closer to victory and it doesn't necessarily make the player behave violently. Like any activity that excites, he said, a person needs time to come down from it.

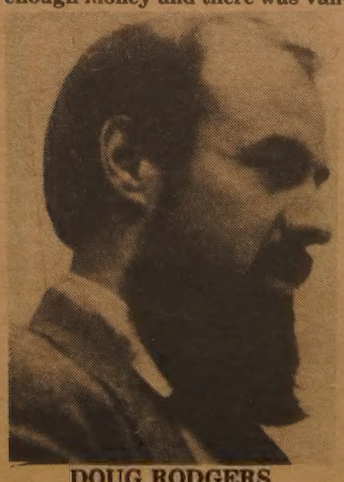
Mr. Rodgers, who often plays the games himself, believes there is nothing harmful about them, and, as with any activity, if the person is in good health they should not do any harm. They allow people to play games more exciting than ever seen before, he said. He believes there will be more video games in the future, and the ones on the market now will seem tame compared to ones that can be expected.

Many games require eye-hand co-ordination and strategy and are much more than just a test of reflexes, which many people claim them to be, Mr. Rodgers said.

Any place where young people gather creates temptation, he said about games making people behave violently. It is not the arcades that cause people to turn to drugs and liquor.

The games in the cafeteria have been in the college for at least four years, Carmen Angi, SAC president, said. Last year two machines in the gym area had to be removed.

"They weren't generating enough money and there was van-



DOUG RODGERS

JAMES BROOKS

dalism done to the machines,"Carmen said. SAC is thinking about re-installing the machines in the gym area and considering holding a video game tournament next term. SAC is not licensed to operate the games during pubs; however, starting with the pub on Nov. 24, the machines were to have been moved into the hall outside the cafeteria during pubs, so people can use them, Carmen said.

The games are quite popular among the students, and it seems more males than females play them. "I usually play them during my spares," one student said. "It takes my mind off school."

James Brooks, psychology instructor, is opposed to the games. The games do not promote creativity but give players the satisfaction of instant gratification, he said. "If I can't have it now, it's not worth having," is the attitude of most people today, he said.

Although players become extremely good at eye-hand co-ordination the games have no sense of social purpose. "They don't convey there's any larger meaning to them," Mr. Brooks said.

Whether or not the games promote violence, he couldn't say. The single-minded pursuit of anything is not good and studies have proved that watching violence does in fact promote it. The question is too complex and there are many factors to consider to give a simple answer, he said.

Mr. Brooks wonders whether the primitive sound effects of the games contribute to the addictive process of the games.

Are video games harmful? Even though there has been significant evidence against them, there is no sign they are planning to go off the market. Players in the United States spent $6 billion last year on video games, including $2 million a week on Pac-man alone.

Video tournaments are sweeping the continent; magazines totally dedicated to the games are becoming more popular; people can purchase the games to play in their homes, and miniature video games are sweeping the markets. X-rated and pornographic video games — for adults — will be the newest and hottest thing to invade the market.

$3million in OSAP to Niagara

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) applications at Niagara College have increased by about 20 per cent over last year and total assistance to date this year is just over $3 million, Mary Ellen Joynt, college awards officer, said.

To the end of October, 1,358 Niagara students who have applied, assistance has been given to 1,314.

Assistance includes grants and repayable loans.

The increase in applications for this year seems mostly "related to the economic situation right now." she said. More people are making long-range plans by furthering their education.

The government has increased its grant allotment of students this year, as have the Ontario Student Loan and Student Bursary programs. It reflects the increase of students going back to school and the corresponding increase of applications for assistance, she said.

The OSAP program in its present form has been running since 1978. Prior to this it ran in a slightly modified form since it began in 1967.

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Sharing resources

"Mohawk has an insurance option which we don't have and the agreement will enable our students to take the options at Mohawk which we don't have," Miss Robarts said. "This agreement will be beneficial to both colleges."

The agreement results from joint recognition of appropriateness of co-operative and co-ordinated activities in certain instances which has been endorsed by the Boards of Governors of both Mohawk and Niagara Colleges.

A provision of this accord, the Mohawk-Niagara Agreement, will be looked after by two senior college officers, one from Niagara and one from Mohawk. They will act as co-ordinators of mutually agreed upon activities and as catalysts for development of new ideas for joint participation.

The agreement will last from the date of signing until it's mutually negotiated to revoke it.

Robots

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Mr. Clark said the new equipment purchased with his grant will help computer engineering technology students "to specialize more in the computer area."

The grant will go towards purchasing equipment for microcomputer development such as trouble-shooting tools to fix computer-based controls and six video terminals and printer which will allow students to put programs right into the main college computer.

Mr. Clark intends to apply next year for another grant but is waiting until all the purchases are made this year. Most of the equipment will be in for next term, Mr. Clark said.

He is going to Ottawa to look at systems being used there. Students will find it easier to find jobs if they are familiar with the equipment being used in industry, he said.

Glider: from left to right are, Don Paulton, Grant Cummings, Garry Alexander and Michael Oberle. (Photo by Barrett)

Light turn-out at pub but Glider still soars

By TONY BARRETT
Staff Writer

It took until the second set before Glider got off the ground but when they did they soared through the dimly lit atmosphere of Niagara College's fifth campus pub last Wednesday.

"We've been together three years in February," Michael Oberle, drummer and lead spokesman for the group, said. Their home-base is Kitchener-Waterloo and they only travel within a radius of about 100 miles from home, he said. That way they save on a lot of expenses.

"We perform about 30 per cent of our own material during a show and hope to put out an album as soon as possible," he said.

Other members of the group are Grant Cummings, on bass, Garry Alexander on lead guitar and Don Paulton playing keyboards.

Though this pub was not sold out, Carmen Angi, president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), said, "I thought it was a great turn-out considering the time of year."

SAC and Players 1 in Welland, who sponsored the pub, were giving away door prizes which included sports shirts and baseball caps. The big grand prize was a television set.

The black and white portable television set donated by SAC was won by Ken Kormos second-year electrical engineering student at Niagara.

Other students who won door prizes were Bob Barker, business administration; Cherie Girardi, interior design; and Jim Rusk, law and security. Each won a sports shirt.

John Kurish and Linda Vanneri both in data processing, and Rob Vanerveen in business administration, all students from the college, won a Players 1 baseball cap.

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